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## Ice racers satisfy need for speed

by **DARREN LUM**  
Times Staff

When it comes to ice racing, four friends and co-workers at Minden Subaru say they love the thrill of competition and the sense of community at the ice track at the Minden Fairgrounds.

Passion for cars drives this group, which includes 24-year-old Chad LaRue, a sales manager; the Pinelli brothers: Mike, 24, and Chris, 26; and Kris Cox, 27, who are mechanics. They all drive close to stock Subaru Imprezas, except Mike has installed a turbo engine in his this season.

Ice racing has been a long-standing tradition in Minden for close to four decades, a winter spectacle of wheel-to-wheel action, screeching tires and the occasional snow-flying collisions.

It's just about the cheapest type of motor-racing around. You need a provincial driver's licence, a CASC-OR (Canadian Automobile Sport Clubs - Ontario Region) membership, a CASC-OR licence, a working car and a Snell-approved helmet. The cost to race a season is estimated from \$1,000 to several thousand, depending on budget.

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**Evening serves up sweet music**  
Lunar Bloom performs as part of Homemade Stew, a celebration of local musicians presented by the Haliburton County Folk Society and held on Saturday, Jan. 27 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. The show honoured the memory of Johnny Burke, who died last year. It was sold out.  
/SUE TIFFIN Staff

## Carillion Canada enters creditor protection

by **CHAD INGRAM**  
Times Staff

Just more than a week after its parent company entered compulsory liquidation in the U.K., Carillion Canada was granted creditor protection last week, although the company insists that should not impact operations.

"Carillion Canada Inc., Carillion Canada Holdings Inc., and Carillion Canada Finance Corp. (collectively the "Canadian Carillion applicants") have been granted an order from the Ontario Superior Court of Justice under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement

Act," reads a press release from the company, which continues to be responsible for the maintenance of provincial highways 35 and 118 in Haliburton County.

"Among other things, the initial order provides for a stay of proceedings in favour of the Canadian Carillion applicants and certain domestic subsidiaries for an initial one month period, subject to extension thereafter as the court deems appropriate. The Canadian Carillion applicants' decision to obtain creditor protection under the CCAA was precipitated by the liquidation commenced in the United Kingdom on Jan. 15, 2018, by

the Canadian Carillion applicants' ultimate parent company Carillion PLC and certain of its affiliates, which gave rise to unexpected liquidity challenges for the Canadian operations.

"The CCAA filing is not a bankruptcy or liquidation filing. It is expected to be business-as-usual for all Canadian Carillion applicants as they continue to operate under the protection of the initial order. The Canadian Carillion applicants do not anticipate any disruption to the various services they provide

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# Ice racing provides perfect winter activity

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There are rear-wheel drive, front engine, front-drive and four-wheel-drive and all-wheel-drive vehicles in the competition. The series is open to every type of vehicle from hatchbacks, station wagons, sedans, coupes and small pickups, riding on non-studded tires.

Kris and Mike are Minden Subaru Ice Race Series champions and former champions.

Although Kris was a rookie last season, he finished as the best street stud all-wheel-drive class driver and was awarded a trophy and a jacket with his name.

The series is ideal for these gear heads, who love spending their free time working on their cars when they're not busy racing. The races take place during the weekends, starting in January and the entire month of February (and March if previous weekends are cancelled due to weather).

"I love racing. I love cars. The whole culture," Kris said.

He finished either first or second 13 times over four weekends during his rookie season.

Before racing on the ice, he admits to "spirited" driving in the Highlands.

Cox, who is from Haliburton, has been married for two years and said his wife watches him compete.

"I'm pretty much gone racing for six weeks," he said. "It makes the time go by in the winter time."

A graduate of J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School and Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, he's lived in the Highlands since he was eight years old.

He loves the competition and the family-like atmosphere at the track.

"A lot of people there are customers here [at Subaru] so we know them from here. It's just fun. Everyone is friendly. We're competitive on the track, but at the same time we don't want to take each other's cars out and end our season so there is camaraderie," he said.

Racing is about being in the moment, but over the racing season there are moments that last.

Cox said among the best memories for him was when he was on the ice track for the first time with Chris, who shares a car with him, racing in the street stud all-wheel drive as a second driver.

"Him and I were in the car. He was driving. This is the very first time in the car on the track and it was practice. We were coming into the first corner – the practice had not even started yet – one of the cars went into the bank and rolled the car the first corner of the season," he said. "Chris and I turned to each other and went: at least we won't be the worst ones this year on the ice. [After all] we made it around the first corner."

Mike, who was a street stud all-wheel drive overall series champion in 2016, was second to Kris last year. He is proud of his championship season in his second year.

He said success is all about being smooth.

"It's all about throttle control and a lot of patience. I'd say patience is a big one," he said, laughing. "You've got to wait for an opportunity, right? Take your opportunity and hopefully [win]."

His brother Chris, from Minden, chimed in: "You can't get frustrated and get the red mist, as they call it."

The red mist is when a driver gets a "heavy foot" and you start to drive at a speed that makes the car break traction, resulting in hitting snow banks, losing speed and time to competitors, they explain.

"The more you want to win the less [of a chance] you have to win," Chris said.

"It's really about control, rather than full-out speed."

During his rookie season last year, he finished second in the second driver class.

"All the people there are super nice. It's a good community of racers and it's a lot of fun," he said. "It's a good way to spend the weekend."

Mike said this kind of racing doesn't cost a lot.

"You can basically just take any car up to three litres [engine] and just take the headlights and taillights out and put some high-mount brake lights and a rear facing light and you're pretty much ready to go," he said.

The group say they always want to start with preparations months in advance, but they usually start in January, weeks before. This includes basic maintenance of the vehicles, which sit from the end of the racing season: brakes, alignment and suspension.

Every pound counts.

One advantage that can be gained over competitors is to make the vehicle lighter.

The majority of the excess weight is stripped or cut away such as the interior and the back seats.



Local racers and Minden Subaru co-workers from left, Chris Pinelli, Kris Cox, Chad LaRue and Chris's younger brother Mike are all racing in this year's Subaru Ice Racing Championship, held every weekend this winter (weather depending) at the Minden Fairgrounds. The racing series, sanctioned by the Canadian Automobile Sports Clubs, is a draw to Pinelli and his co-workers because of its affordability, competition and the family atmosphere at the track. For more information about racing and for spectators see [www.casc.on.ca/iceracing\\_about](http://www.casc.on.ca/iceracing_about). /DARREN LUM Staff



Minden racer and Minden Subaru mechanic Mike Pinelli, originally from Tottenham, works on his ice racing car, attempting to reduce its weight for the Subaru Ice Racing Championship held every weekend for several weeks at the Minden Fairgrounds. / DARREN LUM Staff

Another highlight for the group, which had everyone laughing, was when Chad ended up on the snowbank.

"The race had finished, but he didn't realize that he had finished. He was still racing against Mike and I, thinking he was going for the lead. Meanwhile we had already come first and second and he ended up spinning out, hitting the bank and went right up on top of the snowbank. Yeah, that was pretty funny. He was like seven feet up in the air up on the snowbank," Kris said.

With the snowfall last year, the snowbanks were large and soft, so the only thing that got hurt in that incident was LaRue's pride.

He smiles as his friends retell the story. This is what ice racing is about, getting to spend time with your friends doing something you love.

The local Kin Club and its volunteers create and maintain the track every year – no matter the weather.

Chad, a 2011 graduate of HHSS, races in street stud (SS4). He finished third behind Chris in the same class. He started the same year as Mike and said it gives him something to look forward to in the winter.

"I've never really raced before. I grew up with snowmobiles, ATVs and stuff like that, but so I do enjoy going fast,"

he said.

Getting to transfer the skills learned on the ice to the real world is a definite benefit and added bonus.

"When the roads are bad and you get into a situation where they are icy then you use your skills from the track on the streets," he said.

All of the racers said they're appreciative of the support they get from Tammy and Tran LaRue, owners of Minden Subaru, the race series sponsor. The group is grateful for use of the LaRues' garage, which brings with it specialized tools such as the hoists to work on their vehicles in a heated space just a few kilometres from the track.

Any time there is an issue over the weekend, it's a luxury to be able to bring the race car back to the shop and resolve any mechanical problems.

When they see the other drivers lying on the cold, snow- and ice-covered parking area at the track, working in the sub-zero temperatures, they feel a little guilty ... but only for a moment.

See [www.casc.on.ca/iceracing\\_about](http://www.casc.on.ca/iceracing_about) for more details about ice racing. Other local racers competing include Doug Forbes and Larry Laycock.

*With files from CASC-OR*



# Flood damage deductible increases

by **CHAD INGRAM**  
Times Staff

*The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Jan. 25 meeting of Minden Hills council.*

Minden Hills' deductible for flood damage will increase from \$50,000 to \$100,000 for each flood loss under a renewed insurance policy.

Representatives from Jardine Lloyd Thompson Canada Ltd. visited councillors to talk about municipal insurance.

The Township of Minden Hills declared a state of emergency during extreme flooding last spring, making it the second time in four years a state of emergency had been declared due to flooding in the community.

Councillor Pam Sayne said with flooding and other extreme weather events becoming more frequent, associated costs would increase for municipalities.

"One size doesn't fit all . . . so we really do want to work with all municipalities," said Meghan Callaghan of JLT, indicating that insurance companies are moving to work with municipal governments to prevent and mitigate losses.

## Community Living proposal

A proposal from Community Living Haliburton County would see clients of the social services agency performing some work for the township.

"We can offer county-wide services and would like to offer Minden Hills the opportunity to participate," read

a letter from Tim Tofflemire of Community Living Trent Highlands/Job Quest. "This is a program designed to give participants hands-on experience in areas of employment as well as working towards their Grade 12 diploma, in partnership with the local high school and adult ed. All profits from contracts are used to support wages of the participants and related expenses.

Tofflemire told councillors it would cost the township about \$250 a day to have a cleanup crew come and clean up along Scotch Line Road, for example.

He noted that the Municipality of Dysart et al, as well as organizations such as the Haliburton BIA have been using the program for 20 years.

"The concept of what you're offering, I don't have a problem with," said Mayor Brent Devolin.

Devolin said that issues such as insurance implications and collective agreements would need to be investigated by staff.

"We certainly hope our unions aren't preventing community engagement," said Councillor Pam Sayne.

A staff report on the proposal is to come back to council.

## No to private sidewalk maintenance

Roads superintendent Travis Wilson told councillors the township had received a request from a downtown business owner, asking that the township only remove snow from the sidewalk in front of the business, and that salt or sand not be applied.

Wilson told council the business owner had concerns about sand getting tracked in on the floor of the business.

"Staff do not object to any businesses or homeowner

providing additional salt or sand in addition to what is required through the minimum maintenance standards; however, when requested to not perform the maintenance activities in one specific location, could leave the township at risk for potential litigation," read a report from Wilson.

"Many municipalities have passed a bylaw stating that sidewalks are to be maintained by businesses and private dwellings that abut a sidewalk; however, there have been several tort cases that determined the municipality would still be 100 per cent at fault regardless of requirements outlined in a bylaw."

Councillors were too concerned about liability to consider any such agreement.

## Pot to cost townships

Mayor Brent Devolin told councillors there would be municipal costs associated with upcoming legalization of marijuana across the country.

"There was a clear acknowledgement that none of this is going to happen before July," Devolin said, referencing conversations that had taken place during the Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference in Toronto in late January.

"Municipalities are going to get caught in this, in terms of enforcement," Devolin said, adding that, among other things, officers would have to be trained on the new laws.

He said municipalities are advocating for funding from upper levels of government to help with the transition, but it is unclear whether such funding might be ongoing, or come in a one-time installment.

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**MEETINGS & EVENTS**  
PUBLIC WELCOME

**Feb 8 - 9:00 am**, Budget Standing Committee Meeting  
**Feb 8 - 10:00 am**, Committee of the Whole Meeting  
**Feb 22 - 9:00 am**, Regular Council Meeting

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# YWCA SafeSpace not sustainable, report says

by **CHAD INGRAM**  
*Times Staff*

HERS, the Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace in Minden, needs a different operating model, and more money, if it is to continue offering its services.

Jennifer Cureton, director of philanthropy and communications for YWCA Peterborough Haliburton visited Haliburton County councillors during their Jan. 24 meeting to update them on a sustainability study on the facility that the organization undertook last year.

HERS is a safe haven for women and children fleeing domestic abuse. The facility was closed from November of 2015 through March 2016 due to usage outpacing financial resources and subsequently the YWCA launched a fundraising campaign, seeking to raise \$120,000 to help keep the space open for two years, and conduct the study.

“There were a couple of key findings,” Cureton said. “The first is that the service we provide in Haliburton County is vital.”

In 2016, the organization helped 124 individual women in Haliburton County, fielding more than 1,200 crisis calls and

conducting some 670 outreach counsel sessions. Cureton told councillors that demand has continued to grow.

Another finding of the study is that the service has to change, or be enhanced.

“The Haliburton services, without significant changes, are unsustainable,” Cureton said. “So, that last point is something that we’ve been sort of grappling with and trying to wrap our heads around.”

The organization has been in touch with the Ministry of Community and Social Services, which is its main funder.

“They are committed to not letting us close,” Cureton told council. “That’s important for you all to know; it’s important for us to know.”

Possible service model changes will require feasibility studies. One would be changing HERS from a safe space – it’s open on an as-needed basis and provides living space for two women and their children – to a 24-hour-a-day shelter. Another option the YWCA is investigating is to change the facility to limited time housing with a rent-geared-to-income system.

Cureton pointed out that providing services in rural areas is more expensive, because a sparse population is spread

out, meaning counsellors have to drive long distances to see clients.

Even with ongoing fundraising – Haliburton County gave the YWCA a grant of \$25,000 over two years during its 2016 fundraising campaign – there is a projected deficit for the current fiscal year or \$26,000.

There is a projected deficit of nearly \$135,000 for the next fiscal year.

“In the meantime, we have received a little bit of additional funding from the ministry to keep going,” Cureton said. “I know that’s not a lot of answers for you today, but that’s where we stand and that’s what we’re working on.”

“The elephant in the room is base funding and it continues to be base funding,” said Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin, indicating the ministry needs to provide more money.

Minden Hills Deputy Mayor Cheryl Murdoch told her to return to council if the situation got desperate, and that never again should the facility be shut down.

“This is a great service to our area, it’s definitely needed,” Murdoch said. “If you get critical, you need to come to this council, and the four municipal councils. That should not happen again.”

## County declines MTO transportation grant application

by **CHAD INGRAM**  
*Times Staff*

Haliburton County council will stick with its plan of commissioning an implementation plan for a transportation service in the community, forgoing a grant opportunity from the Ministry of Transportation.

At a December meeting, council decided it will hire a consultant to complete a transportation project implementation plan and has allotted \$50,000 in the 2018 draft budget for that purpose.

During a Jan. 24 meeting, councillors were visited by Tina Jackson and Sue Shikaze of the Haliburton County community transportation task force, who asked councillors to take advantage of a new community transportation grant program offered by the MTO.

A business case prepared by the task force that councillors had received at their December meeting outlined a number of transportation options, one being a booked, shared ride service that would transport residents who called to book rides.

It was estimated the cost for such a service would be at least \$192,000 a year.

“I know there is some concern about how this model will meet the needs of all residents, and I’m here to assure you that it can’t and it won’t,” Jackson said, adding that ideally a suite of transportation services is required to fulfill the needs of residents.

“Our request is that you reconsider your decision and prepare and submit an application to the ministry of transportation,” Shikaze said.

She emphasized the grant program is designed for communities that are not served or are under-served by transit, and can be used to develop new systems, with an emphasis on improving mobility for the entire community, including those with transportation barriers, seniors, people with disabilities, youth and individuals with low incomes.

The program offers funding of up to \$500,000 over five years, however, a caveat is that it is a five-year commitment.

County planner Charley White told councillors that if council decided after a few years a system was unsustainable and decided to pull out of the arrangement, it was possible

“  
I’m just worried about committing future councils.  
— DYSART ET AL DEPUTY MAYOR ANDREA ROBERTS  
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that some or all funds received from the province would have to be paid back.

With municipal elections taking place this October, a five-year commitment would also mean that council was committing not just the next county council, but also the council after that, to the project.

“I need to see an implementation plan,” said Dysart et al Deputy Mayor Andrea Roberts. “I’m just worried about committing future councils.”

“We have to acknowledge this whole project is fraught with various risks,” said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt. Moffatt said she did see the grant program as an opportunity, but noted the county would be taking a risk with the five-year commitment.

“I see it as hedging our bets,” Moffatt said.

Dysart et al Mayor Murray Fearrey, who emphasized he was not against the project, noted the county would be responsible for administration of the service, something likely not possible with its current staff level. With vehicles, gas and drivers, he said he believed a booked, shared ride service would end up costing more than the \$192,000 that had been estimated in the task force’s business case.

The grant application deadline is also fast approaching, at the end of February.

Chief administrative officer Mike Rutter said it was staff’s opinion the more financially prudent option for council would be to use gas tax funding to help finance whatever transportation system is eventually created. That way, Rutter said, there would not be a specific time commitment, and council could abandon a financially unsustainable program at any time.

Moffatt and Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin acknowledged the decision would likely draw criticism from some members of the public.

“I think we’re sincerely committed to this, and we’re going to do something,” Devolin said. The county will not submit a grant application and will continue with the creation of its implementation plan.

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# New highway maintenance contract set to begin Sept. 1

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and do not expect that this protective filing will impact the public in any way. Public safety remains our top priority, be it in the maintenance and cleaning of hospitals, the clearing of roads or any of our other activities. The Canadian Carillion applicants intend to use the protection afforded to them by the Initial Order to stabilize their operations and address their short and long term liquidity challenges while they explore the available options.”

The provincial government had already cancelled its contract with Carillion for the Huntsville district, which includes most of

Haliburton County. That 12-year contract was brought to an end after five years of residents complaining about unsafe winter highway conditions.

A new contract with Muskoka's Fowler Construction is scheduled to commence Sept. 1.

Carillion was to continue maintaining the highways in the meantime.

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation continues to assure residents that it will ensure the highways are safe for driving.

“Carillion Canada advised the Ministry of Transportation that they are seeking creditor protection to allow them time to reorganize their business here in Canada,” read an email

the paper received from ministry communications staff. “The Companies’ Creditors Arrangement Act (CCAA) is a normal part of the financial stability process. The goal of both parties remains the same - to ensure that Ontario’s roads are well maintained and remain safe for all travelers. Carillion Canada has assured us that they intend to continue to provide highway maintenance services uninterrupted for the remainder of the winter, so our path forward remains the same.

Winter highway maintenance is a vital service in Ontario and we will continue to work closely with Carillion Canada in the coming weeks and months.”

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## What now?

Last Wednesday, Patrick Brown, according to many polls, was poised to become Ontario's next premier.

Following a bombshell that overnight dramatically altered the province's political landscape, by Thursday, Brown had been disposed of, leaving the PC party scrambling and the next chapter of our provincial political narrative unclear.

As for the allegations surrounding Brown and now-former PC president Rick Dykstra, they will not be dealt with in this column.

Let's be frank. This spring's election was supposed to be the one where we got rid of Kathleen Wynne. Her government, an extension of the Dalton McGuinty one that began in 2003, has surpassed its best-before date. Governments at both the provincial and federal level tend to curdle after a decade or so. Amid soaring hydro rates and corruption scandals, Wynne's approval rating neared single-digit territory at one point. Farmers at a plowing match booed her. The writing on the wall of Queen's Park seemed pretty clear.

Brown, for his part, was nothing spectacular as a party leader. Underwhelming, in fact, and a proven waffle, flip-flopping on issues depending on whom he was speaking to. A former federal MP and Harper backbencher, he was an unlikely choice to lead the party. The PCs should have chosen Christine Elliott for the role, something most party members are no doubt thinking to themselves now.

Brown's single greatest asset was that he was not Kathleen Wynne. In a province that largely likes to choose between two political parties to form its governments, he was the viable alternative.

The question now is can the PC party

still be the viable alternative, embroiled in chaos as it is, just four months before the writ is to drop?

The answer is yes, if it can get its act together.

Party leaders are the public faces of their parties, but they are not their parties. Platforms and policy are usually actually driven by back room policy wonks.

Brown was not the PC party, just its face. Late last week the party appointed an interim leader in the form of Nipissing MPP Vic Fedeli, and, at least

at press time, the party plans to hold a leadership race that should conclude in March.

It seems wasteful that the PCs are even having a leadership campaign before the election. It will be an inward-looking distraction when the focus should be outward, on their opponents. A few months is not enough

time to familiarize Ontarians with a new leader anyway.

But certainly members of the party should stop publicly infighting about whether or not to have a leadership race before the election. It doesn't scream "ready to lead."

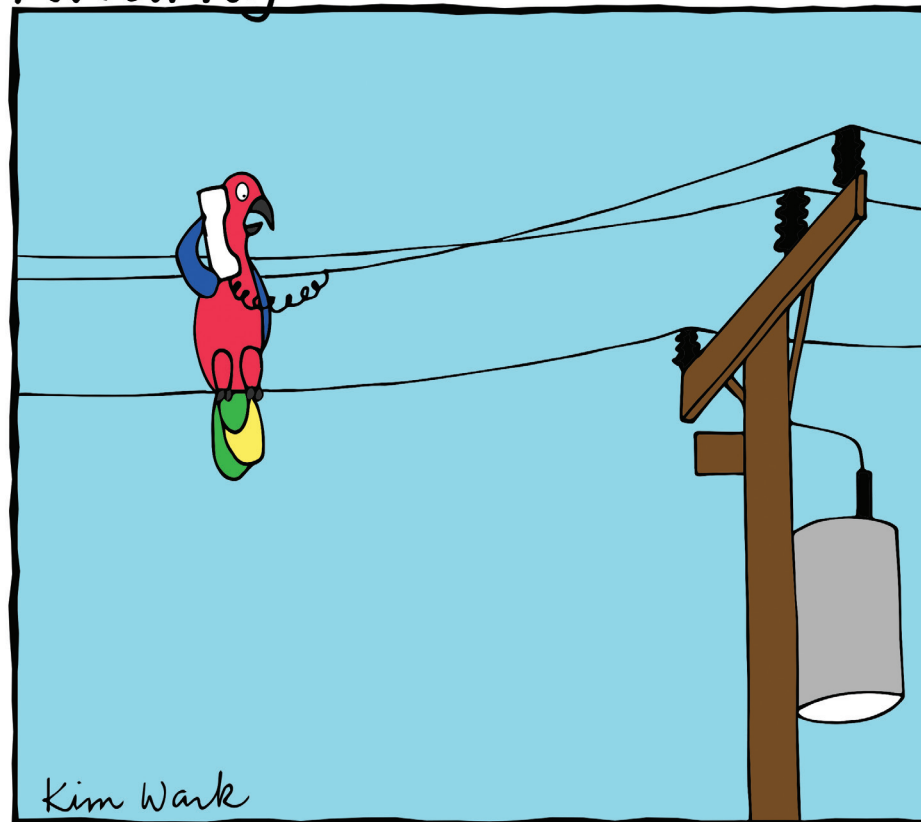
Those who vote for the PC party this spring will mostly be voting for the party itself. If the party is able to convince Ontarians that it is organized, that it is united, that it is still able to govern and that its policies will be better for them than more years of Wynne, it can still form government.

However, as the party was unravelling in real time earlier this week, its inner tensions boiling over into the public forum, the Liberals were busy announcing tens of millions of dollars for new schools.

This was to be an election the PCs could easily walk away with. That walk is now uphill.

**CHAD INGRAM**  
Reporter

## Kwarky



Kim Wark

"Cancel my landline? Are you crazy?"

## Dealing with ice holes

IT HAS BEEN said that the regular use of complex tools is the only thing that separates we humans from apes. This statement is typically offered up as proof that we are the smarter of the species. Yet, if you consider that in the entire history of humanity, no one has ever witnessed an ape using a hand auger to drill a hole through the ice, you might think twice about all that.

One of the main challenges of ice fishing is using basic tools, like an auger, spud or ladle to keep the holes you drilled clear of ice – and even an ape knows this does not sound like fun.

Especially since these holes tend to freeze up when needed most. It is not so much a question of whether it is going to happen. It is a question of when.

Sometimes a hole gets frozen almost as quickly as you walk away from it. Sometimes it freezes over in an hour or so. Science-oriented types will tell you that the speed in which a fishing hole freezes over is determined entirely by the diameter of the hole, the air temperature and the velocity of the wind. This is a universal statement that applies to all holes, by the way – so dress warm.

The thing that is rarely entered into this equation, however, is the fish.

I have no scientific proof to back up my theory but I strongly believe that the very act of a fish approaching your lure or bait will cause a fishing hole, or at the very least, the openings in your rod guides to freeze solid. If I were to blame anything for this, it would be the universe's remarkable sense of humour – the very same thing that deemed ice fishing a sport rather than

a preventable symptom of cabin fever.

As always, the universe is right. There is nothing funnier than watching an angler trying to clear ice from his fishing hole while fighting a good sized fish – unless, of course, you happen to be the angler. Then it is not funny at all.

The trick is to break the ice without breaking the line that tenuously connects you to the thing you are going to talk about for the next two weeks. This means chipping away at the ice while doing your best not to step in a fishing bucket. True, a

good ice angler clears the area of fishing buckets and other hazards before he starts, but all that quickly changes if you have friendly bets with your fishing buddies.

Needless to say, it is an integral part of the experience.

If anything keeps anglers coming back to fish on the desolate icescape, it is the spectacle of another angler circling around a frozen ice

fishing hole with a size 12 boot stuck in a size 10 bucket as a fish is doing its level best to break expensive line that is encased in a 20 pound block of ice.

The prudent thing to do would be to avoid this situation altogether – by staying home. If, for some god-awful reason, you find yourself ice fishing, however, you can avert this by visiting your ice fishing holes every now and then to stir the water and ladle out the slush. This simple precaution keeps the hole open for when you finally do get a bite.

Every experienced angler knows this. And I honestly think most would do this far more often if it wasn't so darn hard to walk around with one boot stuck in a bucket.

**STEVE GALEA**  
Beyond 35



# IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

## The dead and the dazed

THEY JUST don't get it, do they?

Our neighbours to the south, I mean. Only three weeks into the new year and they already had experienced 11 school shootings.

Last week's Kentucky school shooting, which left two 15-year-olds dead and 18 other students wounded, was the 50th school shooting in this academic year.

There probably will be another this week, and another next week because research has found that since 2013 a school shooting occurs somewhere in America every week. Some are suicides and some do not involve killing or injuries, but one a week is shocking.

Also, an FBI study found that of all shooter episodes in the U.S., 25 per cent were in education environments and the number is rising.



**JIM POLING SR.**

*From Shaman's Rock*

Gun death figures are totally insane south of the border. In 2013, 1.3 per cent of all deaths in the U.S. resulted from guns. Between 1968 and 2011 a total of 1.4 million people died from gunshots. That is more than the population of Dallas, Texas or San Diego, California.

Not only are the figures ridiculous, so are the arguments against any form of gun control, or research into why the U.S. has so many more gun deaths than any other so-called civilized society.

The U.S. Congress has rejected efforts to have the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) research the underlying causes of gun violence.

John Boehner, speaker of the House of Representatives at the time of that rejection, said the CDC's job is to look only at diseases that harm public health. He added:

"I'm sorry, but a gun is not a disease. Guns don't kill people — people do. And when people use weapons in a horrible way, we should condemn the actions of the individual and not blame the action on some weapon."

A gun may not be a disease yet thousands of people in the U.S. die by the gun every year.

The country just keeps burying its gunshot victims and moving on without trying to find out what is causing the epidemic, or trying to cure it. Those who have lost children to gun violence no doubt would welcome some CDC research into why the country is so gun violent.

Americans, however, continue to wander about in a daze, increasingly numbed by the gun violence around them. The outrage over the latest mass shooting is lesser than the outrage from the one before, and more short-lived.

Many no longer can distinguish between reality and the constant violence they see on their screens. Defence mechanisms have kicked in, allowing them to disassociate from what's happening around them.

We in Canada should not feel superior. Our gun violence is many times less than that of the U.S., however, shootings in our major cities have been increasing every year.

There is gunfire every day in Toronto and shootings no longer are uncommon in cities like Halifax, Edmonton and even Regina.

However, Canadians at least are willing to talk about what is behind gun violence and what we can do to prevent it. For instance, Halifax police have appointed an in-house research co-ordinator to study the problem. Surrey, part of the greater Vancouver area, now has a task force working on gun and gang violence.

And the Canadian Public Health Association has been advocating a public health approach to ending gun violence.

More gun control laws are not the answer for Canada. We have effective gun control laws and we have research that shows more stringent control will simply hurt responsible gun owners while not getting at the real problems.

Illegal guns and streets gangs account for much of Canada's gun violence. We need to corral the gangs, and keep them from getting guns, most of which are imported and obtained illegally.

The U.S. needs to open its mind and begin talking about gun violence and how to start putting a lid on it.

That's a good thought, but not likely to happen. Kentucky, where the two young teens were blown away at school last week, has been considering legislation to allow people with concealed weapons permits to bring handguns onto public school campuses.

Fight gun violence with more guns. Another terrific idea from America's gun sales folks.

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### letters to the editor

## Innocent until proven guilty

To the Editor,

One cannot open a newspaper or turn on the TV without being bombarded with news of more sexual assault charges. Yes, sexual assault is serious and should not be tolerated! But, should the accusers not be named and come forth to the media as those accused are pictured. The U.S. gymnasts bravely did that when accusing their doctor. Why should accusers keep their anonymity while destroying lives of those they accuse? When did our justice system change to "guilty until proven innocent?"

I personally am aware of two cases where false accusations were made against men, who were later cleared of wrongdoing. Any retractions of the accusations appear on the back pages of the newspapers in small articles. Why is there an assumption of guilt before the accused has their

day in court?

The latest bombshell is the accusation of sexual misconduct by a provincial leader about to possibly become our next premier by two anonymous accusers mere months before the election. Does the timing not seem suspicious? Why not when the supposed misconduct happened? The accused proclaims he is innocent and wants it settled in court. No time for that during an election campaign so another career is ruined forcing a resignation at the pinnacle of his political life spanning municipal, federal, and provincial politics. The resignation was forced by the party to prevent scandal during an election campaign!

Why can't our justice system be based on "innocent until proven guilty" so good lives are not ruined forever!

**Lois Rigney**  
Canning Lake

## Skating

I WENT SKATING today. I went last week too. Today was much better.

When I went out last week it was the first time I had been on skates in a couple of years. The funny thing is that I live two blocks from Canada's longest skating rink, the Rideau Canal. I really have no excuse for not getting out more often. There was a time when I would go out early on a Saturday morning and skate the entire eight kilometres. Last week I almost didn't get beyond 100 metres. It's amazing what our bodies forget how to do. It's equally amazing how quickly they will remember, given the opportunity.

I enjoy most winter activities. Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing are especially wonderful when there is fresh snow. Then there is skating. Standing on thin little blades on hard ice is not an easy task. I am always in awe of hockey players and figure skaters. The way they manoeuvre on those tiny edges blows my mind. Being the curious person that I am I started wondering about which muscles are required to execute even the most basic stride. The list is long.

This is a very basic overview of what happens:

The power is generated by combined effort of the gluteal muscles (buttock), and the quadriceps (front of the thigh). They create the push back motion.

The hamstring (back of your thigh) is responsible for bending the knee and lifting the foot off of the ice, and bringing it forward.

The adductor muscles (inside of the thigh) work to bring the leg inward.

The oblique muscles (side of the abdomen) allow for any twisting motions required.

The rectus abdominis (the major muscles in the centre of the abdomen) adds to the power required in the push off part of the stride. This muscle contributes to stability as well.

The erector spinae (runs down the spine to the lower back) is there to keep the body upright.

It's no wonder I felt like a fish out of

frozen water when I put my skates on a couple of weeks ago. Now, more than before, I am proud that I persevered. I have a new appreciation of all that I was asking my body to do. In addition to all of those muscles contracting and relaxing at the

right time, my nerves had to communicate what needed to happen and when it needed to happen. All I can say is "wow."

I do take for granted that I can move relatively pain-free most days. I believe that to stay healthy we have to move our bodies in as many different ways as we can think of on a daily basis. The old saying of "use it or lose it"

comes to mind. I'm not fond of that statement. Probably because the truth hurts.

I'm off to lace up skates. What are you up to?

Something to think about.

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# Renowned pianist to provide live score for silent films Movie Night

by NATE SMELLE  
*Special to the Times*

Film buffs and music lovers in Haliburton County are in for a special treat. As part of this year's Movie Nights line up, world-renowned pianist Bruce Vogt will be performing live during the Thursday, Feb. 8 screening of two classic silent films – Buster Keaton's *The General* and Charlie Chaplin's *The Immigrant*. As usual, the event will be held at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, however instead of there being two showtimes, there will only be one on this evening beginning at 5:30 p.m.

As one of Canada's most celebrated pianists, Vogt's appreciation of music has led him to inspire audiences in the United Kingdom, United States, Germany, France, Italy, Norway, the Czech Republic, Bulgaria, China and Japan. With several family members residing in the area, he is excited to soon add Haliburton to the list. His musical repertoire has been described as "extremely diverse," consisting of music from the 16th century to the present. Since early childhood, Vogt said he has been drawn to music and felt compelled to play the piano.

"The piano has been part of my life right back to my earliest memories," he said.

"I am mostly known as a classical musician, but I've always played jazz as well, always improvised. And I began combining improvisation with my love of film back before I was 20, as an undergraduate playing for a silent film course. I suppose I can't really imagine life without the piano, without music."

Having performed for audiences of all ages, in venues around the world, he has acquired decades of experience presenting and providing improvised accompaniments for silent films. Through his experience, he has developed a special place in his heart for this art-form. One of the reasons he is looking forward to being part of this cinematic experience, Vogt said, is because many people have not had the opportunity to truly appreciate silent films aside from low quality excerpts shown on television which have often been sped-up and distorted. He considers the years preceding sound in film – 1918 until 1928 – as a golden age

of movie making.

"Because it was cheap to film and it was flexible – hand-held cameras, freedom from dialogue – there was a great deal of improvisation and innovation," Vogt said.

"The best of these films – and there are many great ones – are beautifully shaped works of popular art. People nowadays who were previously unfamiliar with these films are amazed at their quality. The comedies are very funny but also often deeply moving."

During the silent film era, Vogt said music was a very important part of the filmmaking process, because it provided the atmosphere for the movie along with a sense of rhythm for the actors. According to Vogt, the entire notion of these movies being silent films is actually a misnomer, because music was a constant on the set and there was always a musical accompaniment to the films made during this period.

"With big-budget films there was usually a film score with cues which was played with a live orchestra in the major centres," he said.

"In smaller centres, a piano or organ would be used. For me, it's a pleasurable challenge to support the film and try to enhance it, without getting in the way."

No matter where he has performed, Vogt said every time he has provided a musical accompaniment for a silent film the audience has always responded with enthusiasm and delight. Now in its 13th season, Movie Nights has become one of the community's most beloved monthly events. As treasurer and programmer of the Those Other Movies committee, Lisa Kerr can attest to how much people in Haliburton County value the opportunity to watch and discuss films together. She said the committee takes great care in choosing films that their audience will enjoy that line up with their audience's tastes.

"Films speak to my heart," said Kerr.

"They make me appreciate people's situations outside of my own. We tend to pick more personal stories where we really care about the characters. So much of the fun is sharing the stories about films and how they have touched you. Everybody can watch a movie in their living room, but it's not the same. You will never get the same type of community experience if you choose to watch movies on a small screen that you could see on the big screen instead."

On Thursday, Feb. 8, Those Other Movies presents *The Immigrant*, *The General* and *The Pianist*. Due to this special show, the normal programming of 4:15 and 7:15 p.m. movies will be altered. There will be one show only at 5:30 p.m. A minimum of 75 tickets will be available at the door for the performance. Sales will begin at 4:30 p.m. and tickets are \$10 each. Those Other Movies pass holders are asked to be in their seats by 5:15 p.m. For more information on Those Other Movies, go to [www.haliburton-movies.com](http://www.haliburton-movies.com).



Bruce Vogt will be performing live during the screening of two silent films Feb. 8.



# Flu season puts pressure on hospitals

by JENN WATT  
Editor

*The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Jan. 25 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board.*

A chain reaction starting with flu outbreaks at nursing homes in the wider region has ended up putting pressure on HHHS facilities.

When there's an outbreak at a long-term care home, no new residents are admitted during that time, which often means hospitals have to provide beds for those residents while they wait.

"This has reduced the number of available beds for patients requiring hospital admission, which has led to admitted patients having to wait in emergency departments, including here at HHHS," CEO Carolyn Plummer's report to the board states.

Additional staff, equipment and supplies have been brought in to assist with influx.

"It's never any fun to be a patient on a stretcher in emerg, but to have to be admitted to hospital and not be able to leave that stretcher is just not ideal at all," she said. "It'll be great when the flu season's over with."

## Bone mineral densitometry now available

Donations gathered through the efforts of the HHHS Foundation allowed for the purchase of a new machine that can measure bone density, assisting in the diagnosis and monitoring of osteoporosis.

The equipment cost \$175,000 and is located in Minden. Patients can be referred to the service through their doctor.

"The availability of [bone mineral densitometry] in Haliburton County means that individuals requiring this test no longer need to travel out of town," Plummer's report reads.

HHHSF executive director Lisa Tompkins pointed out that the money was raised from the community at the same time as the Making Moments Matter campaign for the palliative centre.

"The funding and fundraising that paid for this happened in tandem with the major capital campaign for the palliative centre. This was a significant piece of equipment. It just demonstrates the generosity of the donors in this community," she said.

Tompkins noted the Christmas campaign brought in \$124,000 for HHHS and that would be directed to priority projects including a portable ultrasound machine.

## Grant funding

Finance committee chair David Gray told the board that grant dollars in the last year were particularly impressive with a total of \$819,536 coming in to improve infrastructure.

Plummer's report to the board stated that more than \$500,000 had been approved by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for energy efficiency upgrades including the lighting system and distribution system.

Other work done included repairing the hospital roof, paving the parking lot and walkways at Community Support Services and replacing the roof at the GAIN building in Minden.

## Local production of Meals on Wheels

A pilot project to test out whether meals could be produced locally to be distributed in the Meals on Wheels program returned positive results. Produced by SIRCH Community Services and funded by Haliburton County Development Corporation, about 3,000 of the service's most popular entrees were produced.

"It was a very successful pilot and it was a great opportunity to look at the possibility of creating more jobs locally and making those meal entrees locally as opposed to bringing them in from outside of the region," Plummer said during the board meeting.

"Now we're in the process of looking at where we can get funding or how we can get funding and where we can find space – because we need both – for more freezers and bigger freezers," she said.

Although the pilot involved 3,000 meals, during a year, the demand would be something close to 17,000. However, if all parties are able to make it happen, it would likely lead to between one and two local jobs.

Plummer noted the Central East LHIN was pleased with the results of the pilot.

## Hike for Hospice returning May 6

During the board meeting, Tompkins announced that Hike

For Hospice would be returning to the Highlands as a fundraiser for hospice and palliative care services.

Over the last few years, there has been shuffling of responsibility for hospice services, which were previously provided by SIRCH. In the midst of the change over, Hike For Hospice fell off the calendar.

But it's coming back.

Hike for Hospice is a national campaign raising awareness and money, Tompkins said.

Money raised will go to local services.

"It's an opportunity to continue to build awareness for the important work that's being done by staff and volunteers in the areas of hospice and palliative [care] and of course it's an opportunity for the community to celebrate the lives of their loved ones," she said in the meeting.

The event will take place Sunday, May 6 in Haliburton.

Keep an eye on local media and [hhhs.ca/foundation](http://hhhs.ca/foundation) for more information.

## New doctor in town

Chief of staff Dr. Kristy Gammon told the board that a new doctor had joined the community. Dr. Devon Tilbrook is working at the Family Medical Centre and also at HHHS. She started in January and has moved to the Highlands.

## McKecks delivers meals at Christmas

Much to the surprise of staff and patients, McKecks Tap and Grill in Haliburton arrived at the Haliburton hospital and long-term care unit with turkey dinners, pies and goodies for everyone – patients, staff, residents and their families – on Christmas Day.

CEO Carolyn Plummer thanked the restaurant for their generosity, calling it "extraordinary."

"It just goes to show what kind of community we live in," she said.

## Paramedicine program filling the gaps

The new Community Paramedicine Program has been running smoothly with 57 patients enrolled in the two months since it began and positive feedback. The partnership between the Haliburton County Paramedic Service and HHHS has a dedicated paramedic conduct wellness checks on seniors who would be challenged to drive to the hospital for medical attention, or those in isolated areas.

"It fills a real gap in services for our rural population," Plummer's report reads. "The scope of the program is expanding steadily, with other paramedics and health service providers identifying clients who are at-risk in the community."



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# Pond play-offs cancelled with warm weather

by **SUE TIFFIN**  
Times Staff

Games cancelled due to the effect of mild weather on the rinks carefully crafted at the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships (CNPHC) didn't deter the enthusiasm of the players, volunteers or event organizer John Teljeur.

Crowds of jersey-clad pond hockey players with team names like the Wet Bandits, the Quarter Ponders, Glory Days and the LakeTrouts skated into the first weekend of the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships, held at the Pinestone Resort on Jan. 26 and 27.

Most were able to play three of their four games before Teljeur and the CNPHC team made a difficult decision to postpone the final games and play-offs, to be held Saturday evening, until Sunday, hoping that temperatures would drop overnight to improve rink conditions that had deteriorated due to warm weather. Captains, hearing the news, said they were not planning on making the play-offs anyway, and celebrated throughout the rest of the afternoon while waiting for the Road Apples, a Tragically Hip tribute band from Kingston, to take to the stage for the evening's entertainment.

Ice conditions had not improved by the morning of Jan. 28 so play-off games were cancelled, but trophies were awarded to winners of games played before teams set off for home. Champions were the Frisky Beavers, the Lacers and the Beauties. Teljeur and volunteers were looking forward to a colder weather forecast and the second half of the event, to be held Feb. 3 to 5.



John Teljeur, president and owner of the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships, gathered team captains together on Jan. 27 to discuss best options for working around deteriorating rinks. At the time, temperatures were expected to drop overnight but games rescheduled to Sunday also had to be cancelled despite best efforts of volunteers./SUE TIFFIN Staff



Volunteers worked for weeks preparing the rinks on the pond at the Pinestone for the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships but mild weather caused a buildup of water on the ice despite their clearing efforts over the weekend.



Tammy Nash took this photo of pond hockey action Saturday, Jan. 27 at Pinestone. Wet conditions halted play in the afternoon. The tournament continues this weekend.



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### Physical illusions

Mime Trevor Copp of the Tottering Biped Theatre performs Physical Illusions for a local audience at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Saturday, Jan. 20 in Haliburton, as part of the Razzamataz Kids' Shows! series. Copp used the storytelling technique of mime in his performance. The next Razzamataz show is Brick Bros. Circus, a "complete, miniature one-ring circus, performed by highly trained building bricks in itty bitty" on Feb. 25. Razzamataz needs volunteers and sponsorship support. See <http://www.razzamataz.ca> for info./DARREN LUM Staff



## 2018 music festival syllabus available now

The syllabus for the 2018 Haliburton Highlands Music Festival is now available. Everyone who is a resident of Haliburton County, Kinmount, or Bancroft, or who studies with teachers who live in those places is welcome to participate the festival.

There are classes for school-age children and adults performing solos, duets, trios, and in larger groups, as pianists, instrumentalists, and singers.

This year we are pleased to have Amy Boyes as our piano adjudicator, Melody Thomas as our vocal adjudicator, and Suhashini Arulanandam as our instrumental adjudicator. These women are all young, accomplished musicians who will provide comments on

participants' performances and give guidance for future development.

The festival takes place in the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion each day and evening from Wednesday, April 25 to Saturday, April 28. Details of exact times will be provided once the applications have been received and classes organized. The highlights concert will take place in the same location on Thursday, May 3.

If you are interested in participating and would like to receive a copy of the syllabus, please contact Elaine Bell at [bushandbell@gmail.com](mailto:bushandbell@gmail.com) or 705-457-9422 and she will be happy to provide you with one.

- Submitted

## Chamber gathering input ahead of election

On Tuesday, Feb. 6, the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce will be asking its members what issues they want addressed in the upcoming provincial election.

In October 2017 they released Vote Prosperity, a platform and campaign outlining a series of recommendations that all of Ontario's political parties should adopt to ensure growth for the province's economy. With the general platform out, they are now looking to members to get their feedback on some of the more specific issues they face as small businesses in the Haliburton Highlands. This is what the chamber will use in its advocacy efforts throughout the provincial election when talking to the candidates for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

At the chamber breakfast on Tuesday, Feb. 6 at Wintergreen Pancake Barn, chamber staff will be presenting the Vote Prosperity campaign and initiating a roundtable discussion with those members in attendance to find out the issues that are important to them. An online survey will also be sent out to our general membership following the breakfast to make sure they receive feedback from as many members as possible.

Vote Prosperity is based on four aspirational pillars for Ontario:

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The chamber breakfast is open to anyone. The cost for members is \$15 and general admission is \$20. Registration is required as space is limited. People can register online at [www.haliburtonchamber.com](http://www.haliburtonchamber.com) or call 705-457-4700.

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### Wildcats finish top four

Archie Stouffer Elementary School Wildcats player Ella Moynes, left, prepares to bump, while Ava Smith, facing away, looks on, and Crystal Petry attempts to receive the serve, in a round-robin game at the Intermediate Girls Volleyball Tournament on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton. The Wildcats finished in the top four, ending their run in the semi-finals. The tournament boasted an eight school field, which included ASES and host school JDHES, Woodville Elementary School, Ridgewood Public School, Leslie Frost Public School, Jack Callaghan Public School, Fenelon Township Public School and Lady Mackenzie Public School./DARREN LUM Staff



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ASES Wildcats player Emma Tidey volleys a ball over the net in a round-robin game.

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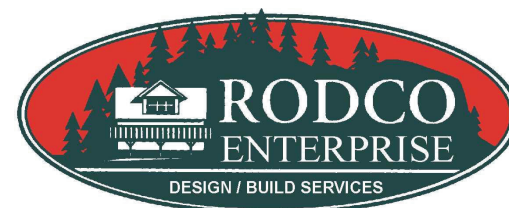
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## DORSETNEWS

Lee Ross  
burgesslt@me.com

The 18th annual Lions Camp Dorset mini putt tournament took place on Saturday, Jan. 20 at the Lions Camp in Dorset. "There were 30 teams of four and you mini putt through nine very interesting and challenging holes twice," said Barb Townes. She goes on to say "there is a contest going on after each nine holes." The proceeds from the event all go to Lions Camp Dorset. Prizes are all donated and every team gets a goodie bag with several items. Everything is done by volunteers – the bar, cooking and serving food, etc. The teams are made up of Lions all over Ontario as well as some local teams. For information on how to donate to Lions Camp Dorset please visit [lionscampdorset.ca](http://lionscampdorset.ca).

From Feb. 17 to 19 everyone in Ontario can fish our beautiful lakes for free. If you've always wanted to try ice fishing now's the time. The free weekend also happens to be Snowball and Family Day weekend, so it's the perfect excuse to grab the family and enjoy a day out on the lake, and maybe even catch dinner. Don't forget to check the regulations if you're not familiar with the body of water you're going to fish on, as it may not allow ice fishing. For more information you can visit [www.ontariofamilyfishing.com](http://www.ontariofamilyfishing.com).

The 2018 Dorset Snowball buttons are out at local businesses throughout town. Grab yours for \$3 and have access to all of the carnival events. If you forget or lose yours,



The 18th annual mini putt tournament at Lions Camp Dorset. Photo by Paul Stevenson

you can grab one at the gate throughout the day. The festivities kick off on Friday night at the Ice Palace with a family skating party (dance party in the Rec Centre if it rains) and ends on Saturday night with Hockey Night in Dorset (again, weather permitting). The 2018 Deep Freeze Winter Campout is also taking place on the Saturday night so stop by the Pavilion and wish the campers luck – and maybe bring them some hot chocolate! We're still lacking a lot of snow so keep your fingers crossed that we get hit

with at least a couple more snow storms by then. There is a backup plan should we not get enough snow, so the event will take place regardless.

For birthdays and submissions please send them to [burgesslt@me.com](mailto:burgesslt@me.com).

## General meeting March 7



### Legion br. 636

Feb. 2 Karaoke with Fred and Linda. 7:30-11 p.m.

Comings and goings. This week's column will bring you up to date on the past winter's happenings and what is coming in late winter and spring. Due to this community's generosity, we surpassed last year's total in our poppy campaign. \$16,857.10 was raised from business donations, canvassing, boxes placed in stores etc. and personal donations. Congratulations to Minden Hills, and to the hard work of our poppy committee. We also had another successful raffle with a beautiful rug donated by our own Haliburton Rug hookers. This raised over \$1,000. Thank you ladies. We had several events throughout the fall arranged by our

ways and means committee, which netted over \$10,000 which is earmarked for donations. Our kitchen is always coming up with something different and has been complimented by many. This continues to be our main source of revenue. The bar is running a close second in revenue producing, with continuing specials introduced by our Bartender. Thank you all! On March 7, at 7:30 p.m. we will have our first general meeting of the year. I encourage all members to attend, to be aware of our financial status, and the business that occurred over the winter. On April 4 at 7:30 p.m. is our second general meeting. At this time nominations will be taken for our upcoming election on May 2. Nominations will re-open on May 2. Please think carefully about putting your name up for election to the executive. You have the power to make decisions affecting your branch. If you are not satisfied with the direction your Legion has been managed, or have new ideas that could be used, please get involved. Also at our meeting on April 4, the annual Honours and Awards, and long time membership awards will be presented. If you are eligible for an award, you will be notified in advance.

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High Single Ken Thompson 243  
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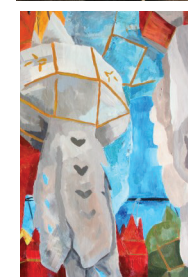
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**LAPINE-'ISM'** A selection of work by André Lapine (1866-1952) is presently exhibiting.

In his life time, Lapine witnessed many 'isms' in art: Romanticism, Realism and Impressionism. Lapine took his experience and created a unique and identifiable style, which added to the definition of Canadian art. (Exhibiting January 9 to February 24.)





# Record attendance at cultural centre in 2017

by LAURIE CARMOUNT

Curator, Agnes Jamieson Gallery

Last year was the best year the Minden Hills Cultural Centre has had to date. The attendance topped 8,000 and the response from visitors was excellent. Much of this was due to the enthusiastic hard work by Ruth O'Connell at the museum with the summer students. The new events and activities at the museum added to the already successful gallery programming. Along with this, Nature's Place was popular with the every growing interactive displays and exhibits.

This year, the MHCC is continuing this momentum with another great lineup of community programming. All three sections will be offering a few new events.

The ever popular March Break Culture Day Camps will be operating again. From March 11 to March 16, this program will include art, heritage and nature activities for children 7+. Each day children will do a number of art/craft projects, activities and games. Day Camps will also be available in the summer months.

The Agnes Jamieson Gallery programming will include nine exhibitions with local and regional artists. The collection of Andre Lapine (1866-1952) work will also be on exhibit. Each exhibition has a reception where

everyone is welcome to meet and talk with the artist. Often gallery staff hear from reception attendees, comments on how helpful and interesting these events are. Talking with the artist allows for one to better understand what their work is trying to convey.

This year's programming is made up of mostly young artists who are emerging in their careers. The work is generally well thought through. One can tell they greatly enjoy what they do and there is an honest, fresh approach.

In May, the Minden Hills Museum and Heritage Village will be opening on Victoria Day long weekend. Starting with traditional tea on the Saturday, the museum will then launch into more living history activities for the summer months.

The Victoria Day Saturday will also be Monarchy in Minden where the Centre will show the royal wedding on the large screen in the Common Room. Register for the hat making workshop on the Tuesday before to wear to the royal event. Sinclair Russell will be offering his expertise on how to make lovely hats.

The Sterling Bank will be exhibiting "Fashion Dictates." This exhibition will display a wide selection of late 19th century, early 20th clothing articles from the museum collection. Fashion for women was changing

dramatically during this time. Some of the driving factors for this came from the suffragette movement.

Since 1918 was the year women were first granted the vote in federal elections, the museum is wanting to celebrate this 100 year anniversary by holding a suffragette day.

In Ontario, widening public debate about suffrage and women's rights produced the Toronto Women's Literary Club (TWLC), a group devoted to higher education and intellectual development as well as to the physical welfare and employment conditions of women workers. The TWLC was created in 1876-77 by Dr. Emily Howard Stowe, one of Canada's first female doctors; she and her daughter, Dr. Augusta Stowe-Gullen, spearheaded Ontario's suffrage campaign for 40 years. In 1883, TWLC became the Toronto Women's Suffrage Association, which in 1889 became the Dominion Women's Enfranchisement Association. The hope this year is to present a historically accurate meeting, in time-period costumes, to honour the women who consistently voiced and advocated for the right to vote. This will require a few meetings ahead of time and research. The thought is to have this event in late August or early September. If interested, please contact Laurie Carmount at gallery@mindenhills.ca

When spring is in the air, Nature's Place will begin to stir with new displays and interactive activities. The interpretive centre will be offering a closer look at the world of bats and amphibians. These species are rapidly declining in number and the hope is to help visitors understand why. This year visitors are also being encouraged to take the No Plastic Challenge and compete in the Ingenious Think Tank. The EcoDoc theatre will be operating daily with interesting nature themed films.

Nature's Place will also be offering more geologically based exhibits, with the installation of a 3D CGI that maps topographic formations, as well as a travelling, interactive display about minerals from the Canadian Museum of Nature.

It is a full and amazing amount of educational activities for the whole family happening at the MHCC this year. If you would like to receive more detailed information about what is happening weekly at the Centre, contact the staff at gallery@mindenhills.ca and ask to have your email added to the e-blast list. Or like and follow our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/mindenculturalcentre/](http://www.facebook.com/mindenculturalcentre/). You can also visit the website: [www.mindenhills.ca/culture](http://www.mindenhills.ca/culture).

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Answers on page 18

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### Employment Opportunities

#### 1. Summer Students - Minden Hills Cultural Centre "MHCC"

The Minden Hills Community Services Department is currently accepting resumes for three (3) summer student (Heritage Interpreters) positions for a 16 week period from effective May 8 to August 25, 2018.

These positions provide support and assistance to the Curators of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, enacting time period activities and delivering children's activities, supporting the Art Gallery, Museum, Heritage Village and Nature's Place programming.

This position is based on a 35-hour work week, Tuesday to Saturday, 9:00am-4:30pm, ½ hour unpaid lunch. The rate of pay is \$14.00 per hour, pending 2018 budget and grant funding approval.

Students must be between the ages of 16-30 and returning to school in the fall. Preference will be given to those with experience in art history, museum studies, environmental studies or museum/gallery administration or related combination.

#### 2. Summer Students - "Parks"

The Minden Hills Community Services Department is currently accepting resumes for two (2) summer student positions effective from May 8 to August 25, 2018.

These positions provide support and a variety of maintenance operations for the Community Services Department.

This position is based on a 40-hour work week, involving variable shifts. The rate of pay is \$14.00 per hour, pending 2018 budget and grant funding approval.

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Please submit your letter of application together with a detailed resume of education and experience by 12:00 noon, local time, **Monday, March 6, 2018** to:

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Minden, ON K0M 2K0

Attention: Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services

Fax: 705-286-4917 - Email: [sprentice@mindenhills.ca](mailto:sprentice@mindenhills.ca) - Website: [www.mindenhills.ca](http://www.mindenhills.ca)

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Where: Abbey Gardens  
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**Kinmount Bursary Dinner**  
When: Saturday, Feb. 3  
Where: Galway Hall  
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**Haliburton: S.T.O.P. (Smoking Treatment for Ontario Patients) Program**  
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**Minden Legion Open Mic**  
When: Saturday, Feb. 17, 2 to 5 p.m.

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When: Feb. 8, Feb. 22, March 1, March 22, 10:30 am to 4:30 pm  
Where: Dysart Branch Maker Hub, Centre for Making at HSAD (Haliburton School of Art and Design), Sticks & Stones Production and Canoe FM by call N. Marziali at the Dysart Branch Library at 705-457-2241.  
HCPL is offering guidance and tools to begin that project you have in mind.  
Introduction to the Maker Space tools. Noelia begins the day at the Centre for Making at HSAD but we can arrange to meet wherever required.

**Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic, Wednesday**  
When: Feb. 14, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

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MINOR HOCKEY

Midgets victorious

The Highlander and Smolen Family Dentistry Midget team finished off the Wasaga Stars by winning both games this weekend. An easy first round for the Midgets. The Storm won 5-2 Saturday, Jan. 27 and 8-2, Sunday, Jan. 28, this sends them to the second round of playoffs. The Storm came on strong from the start Saturday afternoon and took a 1-0 lead. Boice picked up Patterson-Smith's rebound for the first goal. Shortly after, the Stars managed to tie it up. Gilbert took a pass from Morissette and headed in to expertly top corner the second goal for the Storm, ending the first period. Flood snuck one by the goalie in the second period, making it a 3-1 game. Shortly after, the Stars took advantage of a power play and closed the gap, 3-2. The action continued in the third period. Lucas Haedicke won a faceoff in the Stars' end and made a quick pass to Morissette, he easily chipped it in and widened the gap to 4-2. Boice secured the win with an open netter, ending the game 5-2. The Storm team came out pumped and confident the next day. It began with a pass from Manning that sent Patterson-Smith on a breakaway for the first goal. Shortly after, it was Patterson-Smith's hard rush that delivered the puck to Boice, he eagerly banged in the second goal. The Storm continued to dominate the second period. During a power play, Lucas Haedicke worked his way along the boards controlling the puck and sent it off to Boice for another goal. The Stars got away with one, making it 3-1. Hats off to Boice, his third goal was a top corner beauty, help from Manning. The Storm team kept the pressure on. Jacob Haedicke's long pass found Patterson-Smith, he manoeuvred into the Stars end and made a perfectly timed pass to open Manning, now 5-1 for the Storm. Minutes later, the Stars dimming, Manning makes it 6-1. The Stars got lucky with another goal but the Storm answered back with two more. The Haedicke brothers teamed up for the next goal and Flood's hard slap shot finishes the game, a victorious 8-2 win.

Cheer on Atom AE

On Saturday, Jan. 27, the G.J. Burtch Construction Atom AE Storm players hosted the Huntsville Otters at the S. G. Nesbitt Arena in Minden for the third game of their playoff series. The Otters opened the game up with two goals in the first period then again another in the second period. The Storm players put a stop to that though. Jace Mills came rushing in to score the first goal for the Storm team assisted by defence player Evan Jones. A few short minutes later Parker Simms scored a goal of his own ending the second period. Emotions were high and the pressure was on. Going into the third period the Storm players were ready to go! Simms took a shot and was reflected off the Huntsville goalie only to be put onto Mills stick for the third goal tying up the game. Both Mills and Simms were able to score another goal before the period was over giving the Storm the much deserved 5-3 win!

On Sunday they travelled back to Huntsville for game 4. Unfortunately they were unable to pull off another win with Issac Lee scoring the only goal for the Storm team in the third period resulting in a 3-1 loss tying up the series with two wins for each team.

Come out to the A.J. LaRue arena in Haliburton at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 3 and cheer for the Atom AE Storm players as they take on the Huntsville Otters in the tie breaking game.

Bantam AE battles Crusaders  
The Highland Storm Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House Dollo's Foodland Bantam A played the Durham Crusaders on Saturday. The Crusaders were coming into the match with a 1-0 lead in the best of five playoff series. Play was very fast paced throughout the opening period with Storm goaltender Ben Landry making some beautiful saves. Brendan Coumbs put the Storm in front at the end of the first on a power play goal and Desi Davies made it 2-0 early in the second splitting the defence and scoring on a hard low shot. Jackson Gill put the Storm up by three duplicating Davies' play and splitting the defence as well. The game got interesting in the third when the Crusaders popped two quickies however our boys dug deep and second goals by Davies and Coumbs followed by a Tim Turner goal in the final minute gave the Storm an inspiring 6-2 win and tying the series at one apiece.

Game 3 on Sunday saw the Crusaders jump out quickly to a 1-0 lead but Jake Sisson, left alone in front of the Durham goalie made no mistake and fired a rocket to tie the game at one. Brendan Coumbs' power play goal put the Storm ahead 2-1 however penalties once again put our locals in the hot seat and Durham took full advantage scoring two quickies for a 3-2 lead. The Crusaders pretty much sealed the deal with two goals early in the third period and despite some close chances, the Storm lost 5-2 and are now down two games to one heading back to Oshawa this Saturday for game 4 and facing elimination.

Submitted by Gord Hoenow

Atom A's defeat Durham

The Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm Atom A's travelled to the Whitby Arena to face the Durham Crusaders for game 2 of the playoffs on Saturday, Jan. 26.

The first period started with a goal by Addison Carr, followed by a goal by Cheyenne Degeer and then the Crusaders scored making the game 2-1 but with one minute left Carr scored his second goal assisted by Mak Prentice. The second period was a battle and early on the Crusaders tied the game up 2-2. The third period the Storm came out for the win. It started with a five-on-three power play goal by Brechin Johnston, next Carr scored his hat trick goal, followed by an end to end unassisted five hole goal by Colby Coumbs and finally a fourth goal by Carr to make the final score a 7-2 win for the Storm.

The Highland Storm Atom A's hosted the Durham Crusaders at the A.J. LaRue arena on Sunday, Jan. 27 for game 3 of the playoffs. The Storm needed a win to knock out the Crusaders so they started off the first period hot. Cheyenne Degeer scored the first goal within the first two minutes and Addison Carr scored only a minute after that. It went quiet until the Crusaders scored but this didn't bother the Storm, because Degeer scored her second

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THE TOWNSHIP OF  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider by-laws to stop up, close, and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

1. **File No. PLSRA2017055:** 1. Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lot 9, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 4, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10070, registered January 10, 2018.

2. **File No. PLSRA2017069:** 2. Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lot 16, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 2, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10073, registered January 8, 2018.

3. **File No. PLRA2017059:** 3. Part of the original road allowance between Concessions 10 and 11 in front of Lot 20, in the Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-10074, Registered January 11, 2018.

The above noted plans of surveys are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the proposed By-Laws will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on **Thursday, February 8, 2018** at the hour of 10:00 a.m. At that time, Council will hear in person or by their counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. If deemed advisable, the proposed By-laws will be passed at its regular meeting to be held on **Thursday, February 22, 2018.**

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Wednesday, January 16, 1985

## Program will boost business

Haliburton County entrepreneurs will have a new source of assistance and funding soon. It was announced earlier this week that the area has been accepted for assistance

under the Local Employment Assistance and Development Program (LEAD) sponsored by the federal government through Employment and Immigration Canada.

The acceptance followed the presentation of a detailed application which

was prepared by a special committee established by the Chamber of Commerce.

Under the LEAD program, up to \$100,000 will be allocated for the establishing of aims and objectives of the program. This process is expected to take between six and twelve months. During this period a special committee assisted by a manager, will ascertain how the federal funds can best be applied in the county to increase the employment opportunities.

Under the terms of the program, the committee can study a number of options. It could suggest the local LEAD corporation enter into loan agreements with new or existing businesses who are experiencing problems raising capital elsewhere, fund infrastructure projects or planning projects. While the non-profit corporation could become involved in all three areas, it is expected that one will receive the greatest emphasis.

Once the committee has established its priority, the federal government will

provide the corporation with seed funding of \$220,000 each year to fund acceptable projects within its area of jurisdiction. The local corporation will also receive an operational grant of up to \$130,000 per year to cover administrative costs and technical assistance to local businesses. This funding is limited to five years, after which it is expected the corporation will be generating enough income on its own to continue operation.

The LEAD corporation will be run by a board of

directors with a member being chosen from each municipality and five members selected at large. Each will be trained by the federal government on how the corporation is expected to operate.

The local corporation will also hire a professional manager and staff assistant to help in its operation.

According to the information provided with the press release, the

program is designed to stimulate permanent employment opportunities in the area. It is noted that hiring for the projects must be done through the Canada Manpower offices, that wages cannot exceed those normally paid in the area and that projects must represent a fair competition to existing businesses. The program is seeking projects which would provide long-term

employment in areas that would be compatible with the community's development plan.

An application to be included in the LEAD program had been made two years ago, but it was turned down.

Chamber of Commerce manager Emily Skinner worked with a committee of seven others from the community to draft the latest application which has been approved. Among those on the committee were

Stuart Brandon, George Schmid, Rhonda Elstone, Curtis Eastmure, Walter Thomas, Dennis Casey and Gary Kenney.

Work on preparing the extensive application began last summer and continued until November when the application was submitted. The Chamber manager noted in the press release that the work required for the application reduced the time she could spend on

regular Chamber business, such as member visitation.

Members of County Council will hear a report on the program today (January 16) when Gary Dedauw of the federal agency will be on hand to explain what is involved and how communities can take advantage of the program.



Moments after leaving the starting chute, Joe Bawden, guides his team down the Main Street of Minden Saturday. Bawden, of Stroud, Ontario, placed fifth overall during the two day dog sled derby which attracted over fifty teams from three states and two provinces. During the two days of racing, spectators lined the harricades to watch the highly trained teams and drivers compete for \$1200 in prize money. For more details on the weekend's activities, see the story below and pictures on pages 5 and 6.

## Dogs take over Main Street

Dog sled fever swept Minden this past weekend as over 50 racing teams arrived in the community for the first annual Haliburton Highlands Dog Sled Derby. According to the organizers of the event, Steve and Val Lougheed, the two days

proved to be an unqualified success. These sentiments were repeated by participants and spectators alike.

A number of the racers commented that they felt the community had done an excellent job in organizing the races, especially,

considering this was the first time such a race had been held in Minden. They were particularly enthusiastic about the warm and friendly welcome accorded to the participants.

It was hard for area residents not to extend a

friendly welcome to the visitors. The racing action, which started and ended on the Main Street, provided an exciting spectacle that kept spectators pressed against the barriers to catch a glimpse of the action. Between the events, most racers welcomed the interest and attention accorded their sport and their dogs as the spectators strolled through the parking and team preparation area.

The number of dog teams in attendance exceeded the estimation of the organizers, as many participants decided at the last minute to take part in the event. In all, some 35 different mushers were in the village over the weekend. 26 teams competed in the eight dog competition while an equal number took part in the four dog races. Since the same dogs do not compete in both races, it was estimated that the community's canine population, counting a few spares and puppies, jumped by over 325.

Not only were the organizers pleased with the response from the racers, but many members of the community stepped forward to assist with the operation of the event. Volunteers were on hand to help with

## Kanawa president outlines future of canoe collection

Construction of the Kanawa International Museum facility in Haliburton County could begin as early as the spring of 1986 according to Robert Dunn, the president of the board of directors of the museum.

Dunn made his prediction during a meeting held at the Dysart et al municipal council chambers on Thursday, January 10.

Attending the meeting were members of the Dysart et al council, Ken Langdon, President of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, members of the Haliburton County Historical Society, members of the board of the Haliburton County Museum and Charles Pascal, President of Sir Sanford Fleming College.

Dunn told the meeting that the board of the Kanawa International Museum had decided to construct new facilities for the collection of watercraft artifacts because the current museum located in Stanhope Township "is simply inadequate for a collection of such importance and value."

Nine interest groups had approached the board with proposals for a new site, Dunn said, before a final decision was made. "The board," Dunn said, "had a difficult time deciding on a new location because no single proposal answered all their needs."

The board therefore decided to divide the collection between Port Hope and Haliburton.

The Port Hope site was chosen because it is situated near the busiest intersection on the highway 401 corridor and because of its proximity to Toronto and other urban centres.

Dunn noted that studies conducted in the United States have shown that a museum must be located within a one hour drive from a major urban centre in order to be successful.

However, the Port Hope site "does not lend itself to recreation and the active, hands on concept" envisaged by the board, Dunn said. The board therefore decided to construct a second facility in the village of Haliburton because Haliburton County "owes much of its develop-

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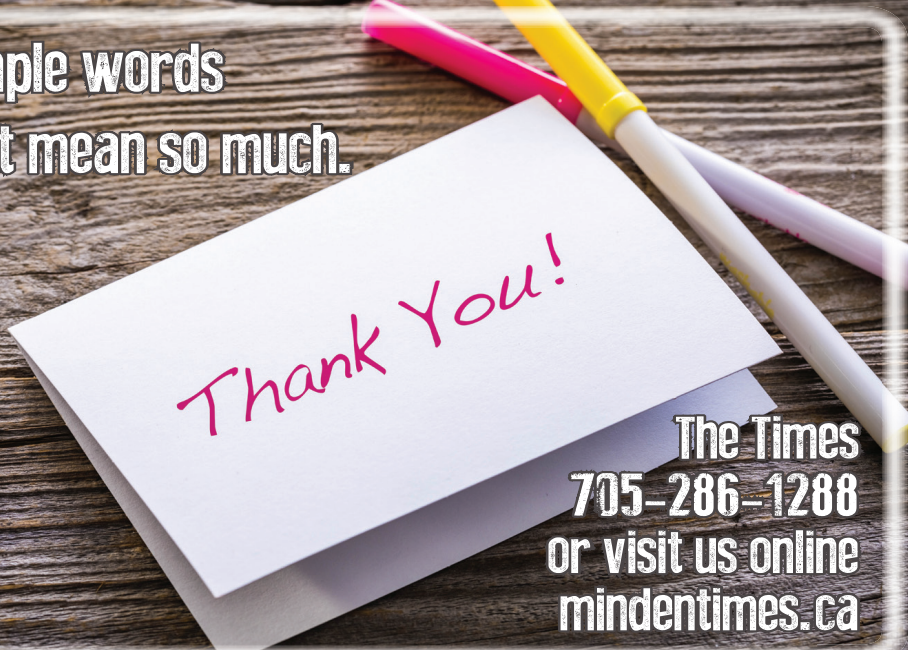


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goal only minutes after followed by a goal by Kadin Card who scored by a tip in of Austin Latanville's shot. The game was 4-1 going into the second. The second the Storm continued dominating. The Storm scored early in the period with a beauty goal by Colby Coumbs and another rocket goal by Johnston. Then there were a lot of shots but no more goals until the beginning of the third. The third had just as many penalties as it had goals. Both teams were fighting on all fronts but Aaron Neave was not going to let any more goals in his net and Storm was determined to put more pucks in the Crusaders net. It started with a goal by Johnston, followed by Addison Carr's first goal, next Mak Prentice fired a shot in and finally Carr scored his hat trick goal and with 17 seconds left scored his fourth. The Highland Storm Atom A's defeated the Durham Crusaders 11-1 and knocked them out of the series in three games. What an amazing accomplishment! Go Storm Go.

*Submitted by Amber Card*

### Peewees win nail-biter

On Saturday, Jan. 27 the JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports Haliburton Family Medical Centre Peewees travelled to Whitby to take on the Durham Crusaders in game 2 of their series. The Storm took to the ice with a vengeance to try to even the series up. The Storm came out flying with Kyan Hall scoring early in the first assisted by Cooper Coles and Aiden Perrott. The Storm kept the pressure on and Hall netted another assisted by Evan Armstrong to put them up

2-0. The Crusaders came back and netted one of their own near the end of the first to cut the lead in half. The second and third periods saw both teams battling hard back and forth the Crusaders gave everything they had but goalie Damon Harris stood tall and kicked out save after save and the Storm held on to the 2-1 lead and tied the series up. On Sunday the Crusaders were back in Haliburton and both teams were out for the series lead. The Storm were strong and fierce and netted the only goal in the first period with Perrott scoring assisted by Avery Degeer and Cheyanne Degeer to give them a 1-0 lead. Gage Hutchinson scored early in second unassisted to put the Storm up by two but the Crusaders scored right after to put them within one. With the momentum on their side the crusaders netted two more to take a 3-2 lead. Hall scored assisted by Cody Keller to tie the game up at three going into the third. The Storm went on the attack and Hall netted three more goals assisted by Coles, Keller and Perrott to put the Storm ahead 6-3. The Crusaders took their 30 second timeout rested their legs and went on the attack themselves scoring two making it a real nail-biter the last five minutes but the Storm managed to hold on to their one goal lead and take the game 6-5 and a 2-1 series lead. Game 4 for the Peewees is in Whitby on Feb. 3 at 1:30 p.m. and Game 5 in Haliburton on Feb. 4 at 2 p.m.

*Submitted by Ron Hall*

### Shamrocks overpower Storm

The Pharmasave LL Atom 1 team were hosted by Parry Sound Shamrocks 2. With a hard battle

at hand the Storm played one of their hardest games yet. With persistent pressure and constant battle Logan Reid opened up the scoring assisted Eric and Haiden Bird.

But the Shamrocks were a force not to reckoned with and the Storm lost for a total of 8-1. Player of the game goes to Zach Lowe.

Next game the Storm will be hosting South Muskoka HTC Ins at A.J. LaRue Feb 10 at 11 a.m.

*Submitted by Chris McMartin*

### Bantam LL's play World Junior Classic

The Total Site Services Bantam local league team travelled to Millbrook for the Bantam World Junior Classic this past weekend. We represented team Sweden. Our first game we saw team Russia in a very well matched game. Russia got the first and captain Reese Casey evened it up with a nice pass from Tyler Martin. We started the third in a power play and Reese scored another beauty with Kiera Casey and Cody Martin getting the assists. 2-1 win for Sweden. Curtis Mulock was player of the game. Game two was against Team North America. With seven minutes remaining in the third Cody had a nice shot that was deflected but Casey tied it up. With seven seconds left and Tyler deked through the other team and his shot was deflected but Nick Phippen took advantage of the rebound winning 2-1 with 2.2 seconds remaining. Phippen and Darian Maddock were players of the game. For Game 3 Sweden was

on the board in 12 seconds scored by Casey and assisted by Kolby McGovern. The Czechs tied it up with one minute remaining in the first. But with a nice play between McGovern and Phippen helped us start the second with a 2-1 lead. Cody and Phippen were both able to add to that in the lead. 4-1 win for team IKEA! Kolby McGovern was player of the game. Game 4 vs Switzerland. This was a tough one for the team, final score was 4-0 for Switzerland and Jackson Wilson was the Player of the Game. Game 5 vs Team Europe. Europe got things started and then Cody opened the second with a slapper from the blue line but quickly followed by and goal from team Europe. We had been out shot almost all of our games and if it hadn't been for our fearless defence Keira Casey, Haley Boylan, Hunter Winder and Tyler Martin and amazing goalie Darian Maddock who stopped so many shots. He has amazing agility and coordination, just can't say enough about his performance this weekend. Haley Boylan was player of the game. Game 6 vs Switzerland (again) in the bronze medal round. This was an intense game the cheering went to a whole new level we found ourselves in a 4-0 situation and then Phippen got one, Wilson accounted for two more and we were back in this game but ran out of time and it ended 5-3 for Switzerland and Jackson was player of the game. Great team bonding weekend and we are all so very proud of compliments we received from the reffing team as we were the more sportsmen like and easy to ref team. Congrats Total Site Services Bantam LL Team.

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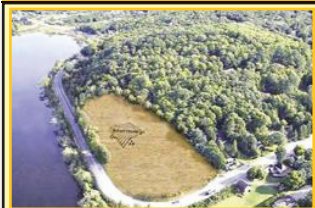


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